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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Herbert E. Hetu
Director of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Appearance Before the Petersburg,
Virginia, Rotary Club, 16 August

1. Attached is a briefing book on your luncheon address to approximately 120 members of the Petersburg, Virginia, Rotary Club, at the Petersburg Holiday Inn on Thursday, 16 August.

2. Dr. John Tietjen, Dr. Bohrer's predecessor as Director of Medical Services, will meet you at the Holiday Inn and introduce you to the attendees. The Club is composed of a good cross-section of influential community members who are particularly interested in the overall subject of national security. Your Lake of the Ozarks speech is included for this purpose.

3. Also included is a "more than you'll ever want to know" sheet on Petersburg and the current Q&A package.



Herbert E. Hetu

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Attachment: a/s

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Petersburg, Virginia

Petersburg, known as the "Cockade City," has a population of 45,000, and is located in Dinwiddie County on the Appomattox River, 22 miles south of Richmond. It is port of entry, an industrial city and a processing and marketing center for tobacco grown in the area.

During the Revolutionary War, a British force under General Phillips and Benedict Arnold marched on the forces of General Von Stuben in Petersburg. Lafayette bombarded the city and General Cornwallis gathered British troops for the Yorktown campaign.

The most notable event in Petersburg's history, however, was the Battle of the Crater during the Civil War. After a ten-month siege in 1864-65, the longest in U.S. history, Grant forced Lee to evacuate Petersburg (Richmond's supply center) and Richmond, one week prior to Lee's surrender at Appomattox. During the Siege, Union volunteers planted a mine which killed 278 Confederate soldiers and tore a 180-foot gap in the lines. The deep depression caused by the mine explosion was called the Crater.

During the Petersburg campaign, Union losses were 42,000 and Confederate losses were 28,000.

The major industries are cigarettes, tobacco stemming, trunks and luggage, pens and pencils, optical lenses and frames, furniture, clothing and food products.

Petersburg is the seat of Virginia State College and Richard Bland Junior College of William and Mary.

Nearby sites are the Petersburg National Battlefield and the Poplar Grove National Cemetery.